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KILLED NEAR MEADVILLE.

Emerson Kelsey, of Near Meadville, Killed by a Burlington Train Wednesday Morning.

Emerson Kelsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelsey, formerly of Laclede, now living at Meadville, was killed by Burlington passenger train, No. 55, a fast train, one and one half miles west of Wheeling Wednesday morning about 4:30. Kelsey had been in Chillicothe all day Tuesday and had been drinking heavily. He went to the Burlington depot to go to his home and boarded the Burlington dude. He was put off that train at Wheeling by the conductor because he was alleged to be drunk and boisterous.

It is thought by the railroad employees and the friends of Kelsey that he stayed in Wheeling from the time the dude arrived there till morning and started to walk back to Chillicothe when he was run down by the passenger train.

The lower part of his body was found Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock beside the track and the remainder of the body was strewn for about a quarter of a mile down the track. It is thought he was walking in the middle of the track and did not hear the approaching train.

Emery Kelsey was twenty years old. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelsey and resided with his parents at Meadville.

The remains were gathered up and taken to Meadville where they were buried Wednesday evening.

Laclede Doing Things.

From Brookfield Argus.

Although for a number of years our neighboring city on the west, Laclede, has been doing things along the line of progress, never has the fever taken such a firm hold of that city's populace as just now. A spirit of enthusiasm seems to be in the air, and the more sanguine Lacledeites behold a bright future for their home town's material progress. A few years ago the desire for better schools took hold of the people, resulting in bonding the city for money enough to erect one of the handsomest buildings in Linn county. Naturally, there were some knockers against the proposition. Those objecting were waited upon by committees who so shamed them that when the votes were counted there were only seventeen against the proposition. While in Laclede a few days ago, it was the optimistic Clay Bigger who told an Argus man that his city would do more improving, this year, than any town in the county, size considered or not considered, just as you please. "Not a vacant house is there here; in fact, applicants waiting for them," said he. "There will be two or three miles of granitoid walks laid and over a dozen new houses erected before frost comes again," he continued. "Those who own property here are remodeling, painting and fixing up generally. Oh, I tell you we are going to make Brookfield look to her laurels. Sure we are, there is no question about it," said the enthusiastic apostle of our neighbor. With an elegant new church, fully paid for; with P. F. Felt in the mayor's chair, and the city out of debt and plenty of money in the treasury, there is something to be doing over there this year, electric lights being on the season's program. Laclede is a good town and The Argus hopes her dreams, some of which are now being realized, will all come true. It is a good thing for any town to become inoculated with the idea of hoping for better things ahead.

Half an hour is all the time required to dye an article with Putnam Fadeless Dyes. Anybody can do it, as simply boiling the goods with the dye is all that is necessary. Ask your dealer.

From Over the County.

J. E. Hartzler is a candidate for the democratic nomination for county treasurer.

The Marceline band began its weekly concerts in the park at that place on last Saturday night.

John Billington, the well known real estate dealer, is giving Meadville a new opera house 28x80.

The annual old settlers' reunion of Linn county will be held at Linneus on Thursday and Friday, August 2 and 3.

The May term of circuit court convenes at Linneus next Monday. The bar docket is printed in THE BLADE today.

Fifty men and ten teams are at work in the Santa Fe yards at Marceline, widening the track surface and making other improvements.

The 65 acre tract of land formerly used by the Turner nurseries has been platted into 300 lots and made a new addition to the city of Meadville.

It is generally understood that the democrats are to nominate George K. Denbo for sheriff, Sheriff Buckley having declined to be a candidate for a second term.

The republican convention to nominate a county ticket will be held at Marceline, the date to be fixed later. It will be the first county convention ever held in that place.

Peter F. Walsh, of St. Catherine, candidate for the democratic nomination for county clerk, and Miss Vena McBride, also of St. Catherine, were united in marriage on Thursday of last week.

Ed. Carter, a son of Postmaster B. F. Carter, of Browning, shot and killed himself last Wednesday afternoon. He was out in a pasture a short distance from his father's residence, and used a target rifle, shooting himself in the right temple.

Death of Mrs. Warren.

Sarah J. Foreman was born in Belmont county, Ohio, June 17, 1841. Coming to Missouri in early life, she was married to Wm. Warren at Meadville, Mo., Nov. 20, 1875, making their home at Delaware, Ohio. Being bereft of both husband and infant child within two years of her marriage, Mrs. Warren in the autumn of 1882 returned to Laclede and made her home here until she departed this life last Sabbath after a short illness.

Mrs. Warren was a member of a large family, all of whom, but three, have preceded her to the Beyond. In early life she united with the Presbyterian church, and after coming to Missouri joined the Methodist church, having been a member of the church in Laclede 24 years, and living such a faithful, consistent life as to hold the confidence of her great number of acquaintances in her religious profession.

For some five years Mrs. Warren had been almost entirely blind, but her spiritual sight remained undimmed, so that, although the outside world was shut off from her vision, yet her spiritual view led her to enjoy the benefits of a higher life, bringing with it a cheerfulness, a resignation, a helpfulness in the cause of her Master that was commented on by all who came in contact with her, marveled at the sympathetic nature that always promptly showed itself especially in sickness and sorrow.

She was anxious to depart and enter in upon her inheritance, and oftentimes said she was but waiting God's summons. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church Tuesday, May 15, at 10 o'clock a. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. T. Monnett, after which the body was laid to rest in the city cemetery to await resurrection morn.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

R. B. Welch, an experienced miner, has opened the Estes coal mines southwest of town and will soon have plenty of coal on the market.

Mrs. Maude Wigle, after a visit of several weeks here with relatives and friends, returned to her home at Valley Mills, Texas, Wednesday.

B. S. Cross is building a large new barn on his fine farm just north of town to take the place of the one that was burned a few months ago.

Geo. Williams, of Wheeling, an old friend and former schoolmate of ours, made THE BLADE family a pleasant visit one evening this week that was greatly enjoyed.

Attorney O. F. Libby and H. Hendrickson were in Linneus Wednesday on business connected with the estate of the late Mrs. Warren, of which Mr. Hendrickson is administrator.

The Jefferson township delegation to the democratic convention at Brookfield Monday was W. R. Barton, O. F. Libby, Jr., J. W. Power, May Jones, L. B. Standly, C. C. Bigger and W. S. Goslin.

I. Ed. Hanson, one of the largest and best farmers in this township, marketed 62 head of hogs Wednesday that averaged a fraction over 290 pounds. M. F. Clay bought them and shipped them to St. Louis, where they topped the market.

Laclede camp of Modern Woodmen will observe Woodmen memorial day, Sunday, June 3. All members are urged to attend the regular meeting on next Wednesday night to formulate a program and make other necessary arrangements.

All the local carpenters are so busy that many who contemplate building are going to be delayed until fall. There are double the usual number of carpenters at work here this spring and all have work enough in sight to last them through the summer.

Mrs. O. F. Libby received a dispatch yesterday morning announcing the death of her brother, Andrew D. Watson, at Elmdale, Kansas. He had been ill for some time from consumption. The funeral will be held today at Elmdale, but none of the relatives here will be able to attend.

Miss Mattie Smith, for a number of years a successful teacher in the Laclede public schools, has been elected teacher of room 8 in the Marceline schools for the coming school year. Miss Smith is now at St. Paul, where she has spent the past year. She is a splendid teacher, and the Marceline board is to be congratulated on securing her services.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Rev. and Mrs. L. T. Monnett in the great misfortune that came to them yesterday in the death of their little daughter, Isabel, aged sixteen months. She had been sick but a few days. The funeral will take place from the M. E. church today at 10 o'clock, the services to be conducted by Presiding Elder Burris. Burial in the Laclede cemetery.

While in Brookfield Monday we had the pleasure of being shown through the new postoffice into which Postmaster Jones and his assistants had moved that morning. All the equipment is new and of the latest design and affords every convenience for handling the large amount of mail that comes to that office. Postmaster Jones is making a splendid record for efficiency and push and is leaving nothing undone to give his patrons the best service possible, and it is through his efforts that Brookfield now has the handsomest post office in this part of the state.

Some Evening Reveries.

Sometimes it is best not to try to realize one's dreams. It is wholesome, maybe, for a man to return after many years to a community which he left for his battle with the great world, but he is apt to have had knocks enough in the arena where men give and take, without exposing himself, when he leaves the firing line, to "wounds in the house of his friends." Certain cherished illusions in the mind of the man who goes back are bound to die like golden butterflies bitten of the frost—they were things of the bright day and the warm sun, and cold kills them. Every man, however old, has kept a place in his heart where abide his recollections of his native town, and the place is young and fresh as a glade over which the soft April sun has passed. He runs a sad risk of having the youth of him chilled and withered when he takes the pilgrim's staff and scrip and starts on his sentimental journey homeward. It is saddening and disheartening to go back; it is satisfying, maybe, just maybe, nevertheless.

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It is claimed that all the presidents of the United States had good mothers. It is said that John Q. Adams until the day of his death said the prayer his mother had taught him. Lincoln said, "All that I am I owe to my mother." Garfield kissed the wrinkled face of his mother on the day of his inauguration and said, "You brought me to this." Grover Cleveland said, "Worldly honors or worldly perplexities will never cause me to forget the lessons my mother taught me." As the shadows lengthen, the memory of a mother's love becomes intensified. The vision grown dim with age becomes clear and pictures of childhood days rise before us in their perfections. It is well so few instances are on record where a mother has failed to impress her children with the value and purity of a mother's love. Most of our great men accord to their mothers the credit of their best achievements. The moral nature of the child is largely what he inherits from his mother. Genius often comes from the father. We often see sons of plain, uneducated mothers rise to eminence. A mother may be morally and mentally strong, yet physically so weak that she can give her child little aside from her lovable nature, and the child will grow into a passive creature who will never cause a ripple in the world's affairs.

To emphasize the influence of the mother physiologically is unnecessary in our day when everyone has his quota of scientific knowledge. Queen Victoria is a grand example of perfect motherhood. This queenly woman and womanly queen has had an influence upon the world in wifehood and motherhood. The mother of Napoleon, Marie Bachelin, was not what is termed an educated woman. She married at the age of "sweet sixteen," yet developed into a very strong character. It is claimed by his biographers that Napoleon inherited his firm will and lofty ambition from his mother and not from his easy-going father. Napoleon said of his mother, "She has the head of a man on the shoulders of a woman," and he always went to her for counsel in the important affairs of life, yet he did not always follow her advice. We shall not venture to speak of Mary Ball, the mother of Washington, further than to say that she was a woman of high temper and indomitable spirit. Her nephew, Lawrence Washington, who occasionally visited in the Washington home, said, "I was ten times more afraid of my aunt than of my parents; my aunt was the presiding genius of the home and she awed me by her kindness."

DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION.

Met in Brookfield Last Monday and Elected Delegates to Two Conventions.

A democratic county convention was held at the DeGraw in Brookfield last Monday. Senator E. B. Fields, of Browning, was chairman, and H. J. Wigginton, of Linneus, secretary.

The following delegates were elected to the judicial convention to be held at Excelsior Springs May 22nd: L. E. Ryals, J. P. Bradley, R. J. Beauchamp, C. B. Burns, Geo. W. Bailey, E. R. Stephens, J. I. Harmon, Harry Libby.

The following delegates were elected to the state convention to be held at Jefferson City June 5th:

Geo. T. Bell, J. W. Gibson, Henry Tooe, A. W. Baker, J. H. Andrews, John Carter, H. J. Wigginton, Benj. L. White, C. E. Kelley.

The resolutions declared Bryan the greatest living American and predicted his nomination and election to the presidency in 1908.

The delegates to the state nominating convention were instructed for Joe P. Rice for railroad and warehouse commissioner, and Howard A. Gass for state superintendent of public schools; and the judicial delegates were instructed for A. M. Woodson for the long term and Samuel Davis for the short term. After a hot debate, the instructions for Judge Davis were withdrawn by a vote of 76 to 41, as there were two other candidates and Linn county did not want to go on record as making a choice before the meeting of the convention.

Granitoid Has The Call.

The granitoid sidewalk building boom is on in Laclede and over a half mile is now in or the material on the ground to put it in. The following property owners already have new walks down or will have within the next few days: Dr. J. L. Burke, Dr. Z. T. Standly, W. H. Woods, W. R. Barton, A. S. Byrd, E. E. Gould, Mrs. Anderson, Jno. T. Lomax, C. C. Bigger, Christian church, F. F. Pratt, J. W. Power, Mrs. Fifield, Dr. C. N. Standly, Cole Bros. (old Millburn property), Dr. F. W. Burke, E. M. Hendrickson and several others. Aside from this, at the last meeting of the city council an ordinance was passed ordering a granitoid walk on the east side of State street, beginning at the Woodmen building and running north six blocks to the city limits, four blocks of which now have no sidewalk at all. It will not be long until board sidewalks will be a thing of the past in Laclede.

Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, Postmaster at River-ton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For 20 years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sure cure for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements. A wonderful Tonic. At W. R. Barton's drug store. 50 cents.

May Elliott, of Hawkpoint, was in Laclede Wednesday. He is pitcher for a St. Louis ball team and is said to be doing good work. They play at Hannibal tomorrow.

Rev. Monnett, Mrs. A. McGrew, Mrs. C. C. Bigger and Paul Lomax attended the tri-state missionary convention held at Kansas City Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Cave Thompson, station agent for the Santa Fe at LaCrosse, came in Thursday to visit home folks.